IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Naoya SASHIDA Group Art Unit: 2814 (expected)

Serial No.: New Examiner: Hoai V. PHAM (expected)

Filed: October 31, 2003

For. SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows:

Date: October 31, 2003

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.